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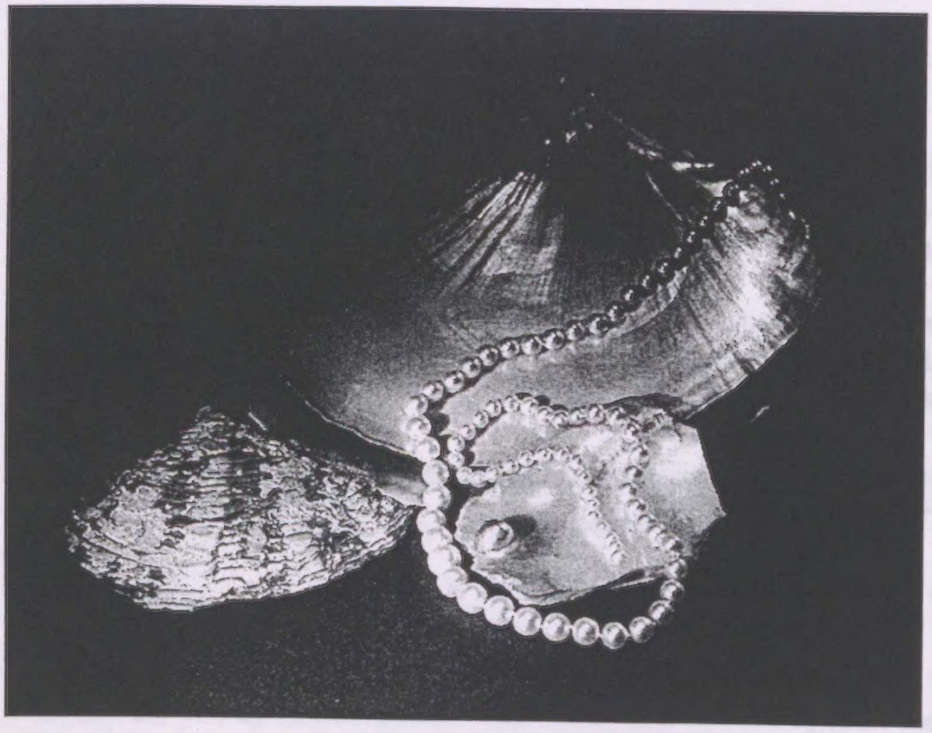
Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
September 7, 2001

Scoop on Upcoming Temporary Exhibitions



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Please join us for the Temporary Exhibitions Scoop Meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Lecture Hall 2.

We will be presenting and discussing the following upcoming exhibitions:

- *Pearls*
- *Tiniest Giants: Discovering Dinosaur Eggs*
- *Urban Gardens: Growing Chicago's Communities*

Everyone is welcome!

Kelly C. Heiple,
Exhibitions

FIELD NOTES

September 7-14

Staff/Volunteer Events

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor
- Thursday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor

Green Sheet Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m. FP&O Conference Room.

Public/Campus Events

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- ***Julie Taymor Playing with Fire***

Film Screening: Titus, 7:00 Tonight. Julie Taymor will introduce the film and answer audience questions

Panel Presentation–Playing with Fire: Crossroads in Cultural & Creativity. Introduction by Julie Taymor

Please call Mike at ext. 7537 in the Education Department to reserve your tickets for these events.

- **Insects: 105 Years of Collecting–continues**
- **In her hands–continues**

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Submissions can be emailed to Mark Schmeltzer (mschmeltzer@fmnh.org) Or delivered to him via interoffice mail to the Office of Institutional Advancement. ***The deadline for next week's issue is WEDNESDAY, September 12 at NOON.***

Turn in time sheets one day early next week!

Due to computer system upgrades, timesheets are to be submitted on Thursday, September 13. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The Human Resources Department.

Randy Scalf,
Human Resources

Safety & Security Week

Mark your calendars, because September 24th through the 29th has been designated as Safety & Security Week at The Field Museum!

During this week we will be offering various training sessions for staff and volunteers on topics such as fire safety, fire extinguisher use, personal safety for women, emergency evacuation procedures and proper radio use in an emergency situation.

As a bonus, for every training session attended your name will go into a pool for some cool prizes to be given away at the end of the week. So the more training sessions attended the better your chances to win a prize.

We are also planning on conducting an emergency evacuation one morning that week (which should be significantly warmer then last November's!).

Watch for specific details in upcoming issues of the Natural News.

Jeff Hawkins, Senior Manager, Protection Services
Jolynn Parchen, Safety Manager, Human Resources

West Parking Lot

As the Central Plant Project construction activity increases the need for staff and volunteers to be careful also needs to increase.

The decrease in size in the west parking lot calls for some tight maneuvering when driving through the lot. Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians need to be aware of cars, trucks and busses entering and leaving the area.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Jeff Hawkins,
Protection Services

Park in Planetarium Lot, September 9

On September 9, 2001, the International Soccer Game will take place at Soldier Field Stadium at 12:00 pm. All Museum Campus Staff are to park in the Planetarium Lot ONLY. All monthly hangtags, daily employee coupons and non-event day coupons WILL BE ACCEPTED in the Planetarium Lot ONLY. These passes will be accepted all day.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ext. 7911

Amy Blodgett,
Public Services

PHONE FACTS

Bypass a greeting

You have called someone and been forwarded to a voice mailbox. To bypass their personal greeting and leave a message, press the pound (#) key.

Dial by name

If you forget another subscriber's mailbox number when sending a message, press pound (#) to use the dial by name feature. You are then prompted to spell the last name of the recipient. The system plays the recipient's name as soon as it has received enough digits to match a mailbox or it plays a list of subscribers if there is more than one match.

Delete a message quickly

To delete messages quickly, press 33 then press 7. The 3-3- command skips to the end of the message and 7 deletes it.

If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Anita.

Anita L. Purnell,
Telecommunications

Museum Campus

SEPTEMBER SOLDIER FIELD PARKING / MAYOR'S OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENT UPDATES

MCCORMICK PLACE EVENTS- Expect traffic congestions for some of the following conferences that will take place in September:

- Print 01 - September 6-13. Expected attendance - 100,000
- ITEC Presents the Illinois Technology Showcase - September 12-13. Expected attendance - 5,000
- Project World/ITEC- September 12-14. Expected attendance - 5,000
- Low Ride Mega Show - September 13. Expected attendance - Open to the public
- Am. Society of Microbiology- September 22-24 Expected attendance 10,500

NAVY PIER- There are no significant staff and visitor parking concerns for the following conferences that will take place in September:

- Work World Chicago Fall Career Fair - September 11-12 Expected attendance - Open to the public
- ABC Big boy Toy Fair - September 22-24 Expected Attendance - Open to the public

FIELD MUSEUM EVENTS- By visiting http://intranet1:100/fmevents, you will find the posted events being held at the Field Museum. Parking information for some of these events is posted in the Soldier Field Parking Calendar.

SOLDIER FIELD PARKING CALENDAR- The calendar at http://intranet1:100/parking gives you important information about parking changes during events in or near the Museum Campus area.

- September 1- Chicago Classic (see calendar for times and parking instructions.)
- September 8- Chicago Classic (see calendar for times and parking instructions.)
- September 8- Fire vs. Dallas Soccer Game (see calendar for times and parking instructions.)
- September 9- Intl. Soccer (see calendar for times and parking instructions.)
- September 16- Bears vs. Jacksonville Football Game (see calendar for times and parking instructions.)
- September 23- Bears vs. Minnesota Football Game (see calendar for times and parking instructions.)

GRANT PARK EVENTS - Expect traffic congestions. For further information, check out the following Web site:
http://www.ci.chi.il.us/SpecialEvents/Festivals.html

- Celtic Fest Chicago- September 15-16- set-up Sept. 13-14. Jackson/Columbus closed from Monroe to Congress. Streets open on the morning of Sept. 17.

If you have any questions regarding parking, please call the Public Services Office at extension 7911.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Lou Team Attends World Congress

Several members of the Invertebrate Division, including curators **Janet Voight** and **Rüdiger Bieler**, collections manager **Jochen Gerber**, and Rüdiger's PEET student **Isabella Kappner**, just returned from the World Congress of Malacology in Vienna, Austria, where they were involved in eight paper and poster presentations. The congress, jointly organized by the international malacological society (Unitas Malacologica) and the American Malacological Society, was well attended with about 450 participants from dozens of countries.

During the meeting, Rüdiger (who has served as president of both societies in recent years and had co-organized the previous world congress in Washington) was interviewed by Austrian Radio (ORF) concerning his gastropod phylogeny and molluscan diversity projects for a forthcoming science series.

Botanists attend AIBS in New Mexico

Matt von Konrat (Collections Manager, Bryophytes & Pteridophytes), **Fred Barrie** (Visiting Curator, Flowering Plants) and **Michael Dillon** (Curator, Flowering Plants) attended the annual meeting of the American Institute of Biological Sciences, "Botany 2001—Plants and People" in Albuquerque, New Mexico (6-10 Aug 2001). AIBS is the joint meeting of botanical and taxonomic societies, including the American Bryological & Lichenological Society, American Society of Plants Taxonomy, and American Botanical Society.

Von Konrat presented a paper, co-authored by **John Engel** (Curator of Bryology) and **John Braggins** (Auckland, New Zealand & Research-Associate, Field Museum), entitled *"Rare and threatened liverworts: an overlooked area of conservation in the New Zealand botanical region."* The paper described the worldwide significance of the New Zealand liverwort flora, including a preliminary checklist of threatened species on the World Red List for conservation.

Barrie presented a paper entitled "*Type-basis nomenclature: a precise and simple system,*" which reviewed the history of the current International Code of Botanical Nomenclature as part of a symposium entitled: "Linnaean Taxonomy: a viable System for the New Millenium?" Dillon presented a paper entitled *"Biogeography and diversity of the Solanaceae in the lomas formations of Chile and Peru"* and summarized the distribution, diversity and phyletic origin of the family Solanaceae within the coastal desests of South America where 80% are endemic.

Lannoo to Receive 2001 Parker-Gentry Award

Michael J. Lannoo, Ph.D. will be awarded the 2001 Parker/Gentry Award for Conservation Biology on September 12th.

Dr. Lannoo, a professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine, is a major figure in the amphibian decline investigations being conducted in the Midwest and the nation. His involvement is unique because he is active in both the scientific as well as the public education aspects of these issues. Areas of primary concern to Lannoo include amphibian malformations, environmental quality, and public lands resource management.

Established in 1996 by a generous gift from an anonymous donor, the Parker/Gentry Award honors an outstanding individual, team or organization in the field of conservation biology whose efforts have had a significant impact on preserving the world's natural heritage and whose actions and approach can serve as a model to others. The Award is designed to highlight work that could benefit from wider publicity and fuller dissemination of scientific results. The award is presented annually by The Founders' Council of The Field Museum.

Dr. Lannoo also will present a noon seminar for Field Museum staff. Please come here him discuss "The nuts and bolts of tackling declining and malformed frog issues" on Wednesday, September 12th at 12:00 p.m. in Lecture Hall I/Montgomery Ward Hall.

For more information on Lannoo or the Parker/Gentry Award, visit: www.fieldmuseum.org/parkergentry/.

Sophia B. Twichell, ECP

For Further Reading

Once in a while I come across an article or an essay that seems to capture the essence of modern day issues and struggles around cultural understanding and the changes we face in our world. An article in the September 2 Sunday *New York Times* Arts and Leisure section is such a fascinating piece that I thought I would bring it to your attention! You can access it through the New York Times Web site for about the next three weeks:

http://www.nytimes.com/2001/09/02/arts/music/02STEI.html?ex=1000804165&ei=1&en=5c498c8956588fbf

The article tells the story of a 15-year-old prodigy from Togo, West Africa who is studying to be a classical pianist. It offers insight into how cultural boundaries have been crossed in the past and how they continue to be crossed today. It seems very relevant to a number of our exhibitions—*Living Together*, the *Julie Taymor* exhibition, and the upcoming *Cleopatra* exhibition. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did!

Alaka Wali, Anthropology/Center for Cultural Understanding and Change

The Field Museum Presents

New Discoveries Lecture

Natural Disasters & Ancient Oaxaca

Earthquakes have threatened and affected the Valley of Oaxaca, Mexico for thousands of years. Hear Dr. Nelly Robles García, Director of Archaeology at the site of Monte Albán, discuss the impact of ancient and recent seismic activity on the prehispanic urban center of Monte Alban, one of the earliest cities in Mexico. Discover how the original inhabitants and modern archaeologists have coped with the aftermath of these natural disasters.

Saturday,
September 15, 2001
2:00 p.m.

$12 general, $10 members,
$8 students and educators

Call (312)665-7400 to
reserve your tickets today!
Group rates available.

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Amphibian Conservation in the 21st Century

Meet biologist and environmental crusader Dr. Michael Lannoo, who is leading a nationwide effort to reverse the decline in amphibians. Amphibians are considered to be indicators of environmental degradation that may eventually impact human health. Learn how various environmental factors including global warming, habitat loss and degradation, malformations, and disease are affecting amphibian populations. Dr. Lannoo is the 2001 recipient of the Parker Gentry Award for conservation biology.

Tuesday
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6:30 p.m.

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